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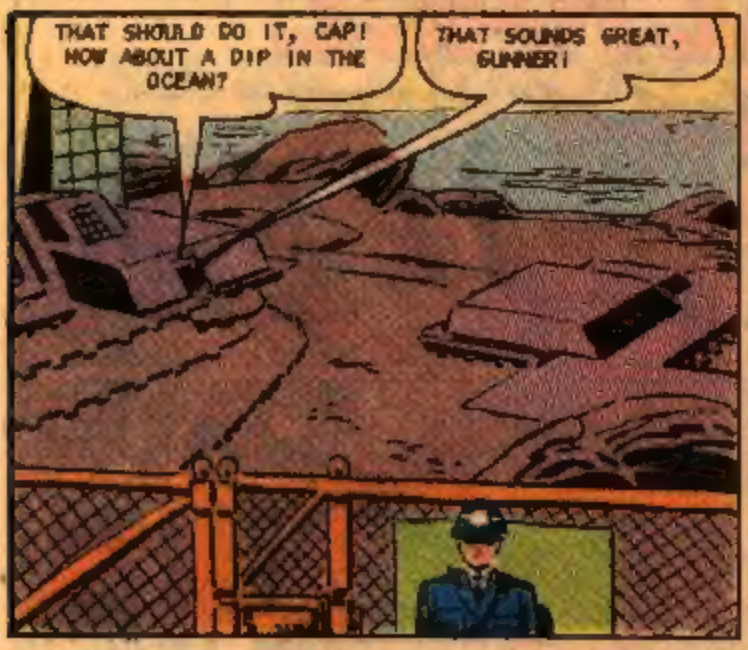
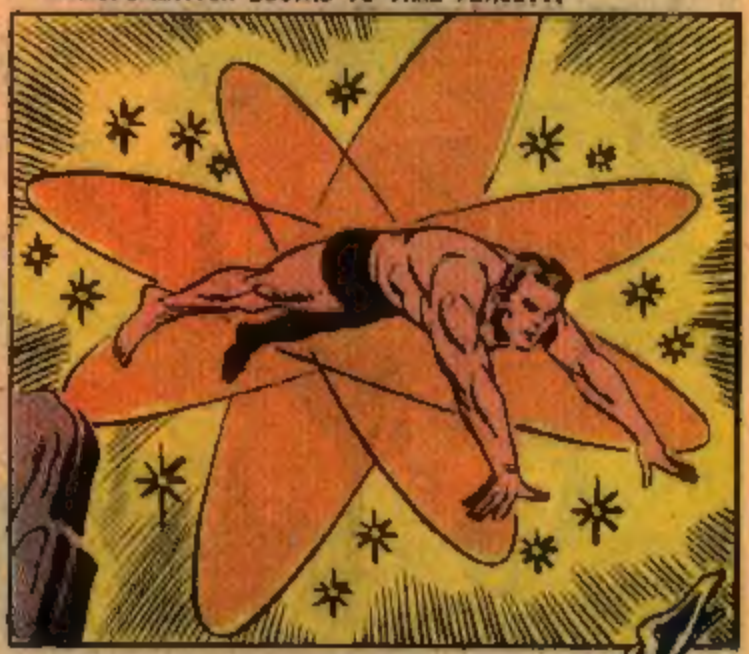
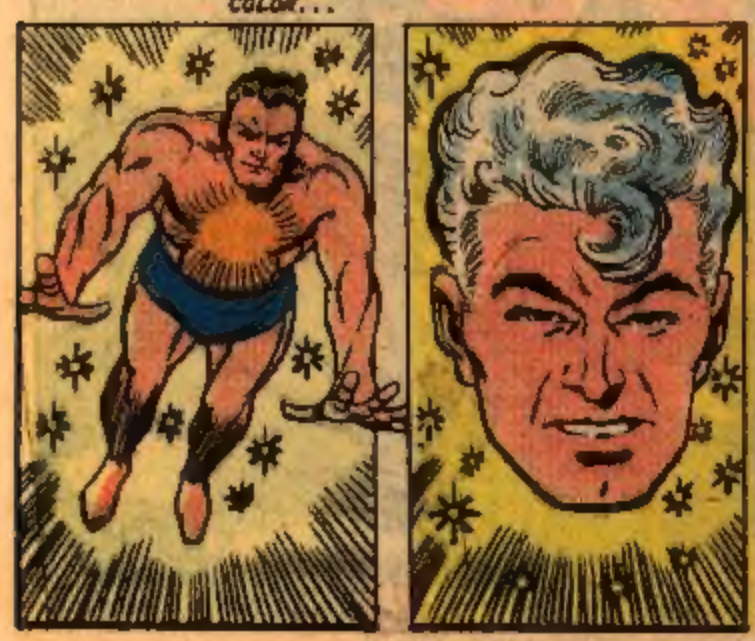
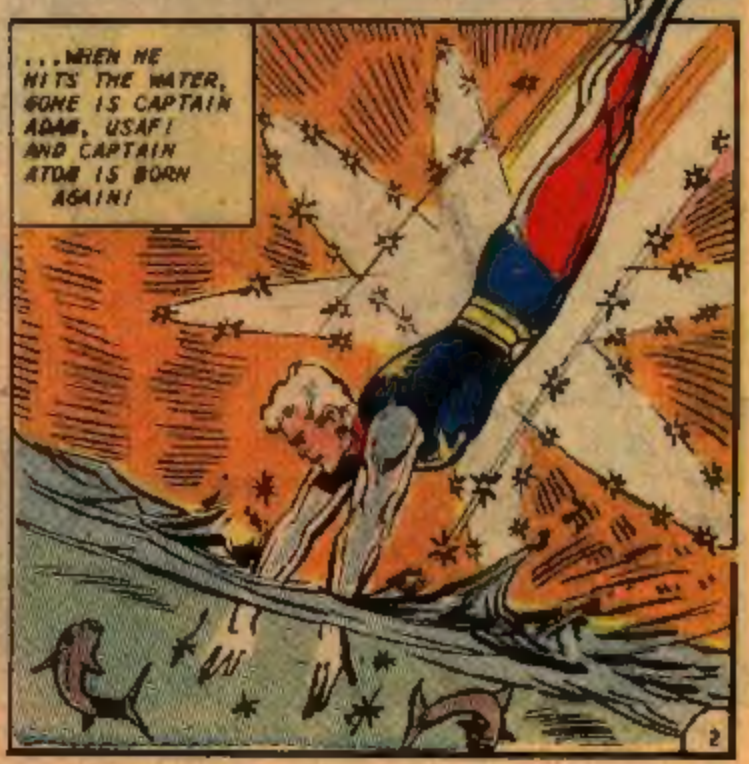


AS HE ARCHES TOWARD THE WATER, A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION BEGINS TO TAKE PLACE...



A POWER CHARGE RACING THROUGH HIS BODY FORCES A MIRACULOUS METALLIC SUBSTANCE TO RISE FROM BENEATH HIS SKIN...HIS HAIR BEGINS TO LOSE ALL COLOR...





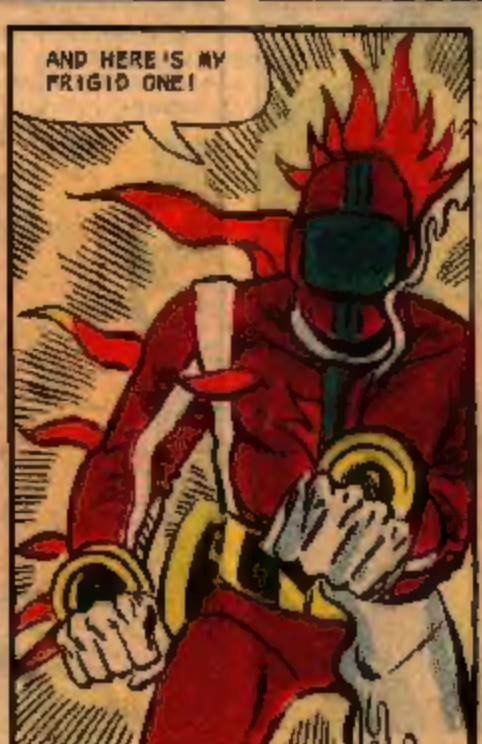
HOW DID THAT MAN GET OUT HERE? THESE WATERS ARE RESTRICTED!

KEEP AT 'EM, CAP! THIS GUY'S IN BAD SHAPE!

AND AS THE WATERY BATTLE OF MAN AND BEAST RAGES...
THE MISSILE TRACKING BASE MUST BE DESTROYED! IT PUTS A CRIMP IN MY PLANS!

WITH THE BASE WATCHING ALL MISSILES SO CLOSELY, I COULD NEVER BRING ONE DOWN TO USE FOR MY OWN PURPOSES!

AND SECONDS LATER!
LET MY POWERS INTRODUCE ME! HERE'S MY HOT CALLING CARD!


AND HERE'S MY FRIGID ONE!

IT WORKS PERFECTLY! THE COMBINATION STUNS THEIR NERVE CENTERS AND PUTS THEM OUT OF THE WAY!
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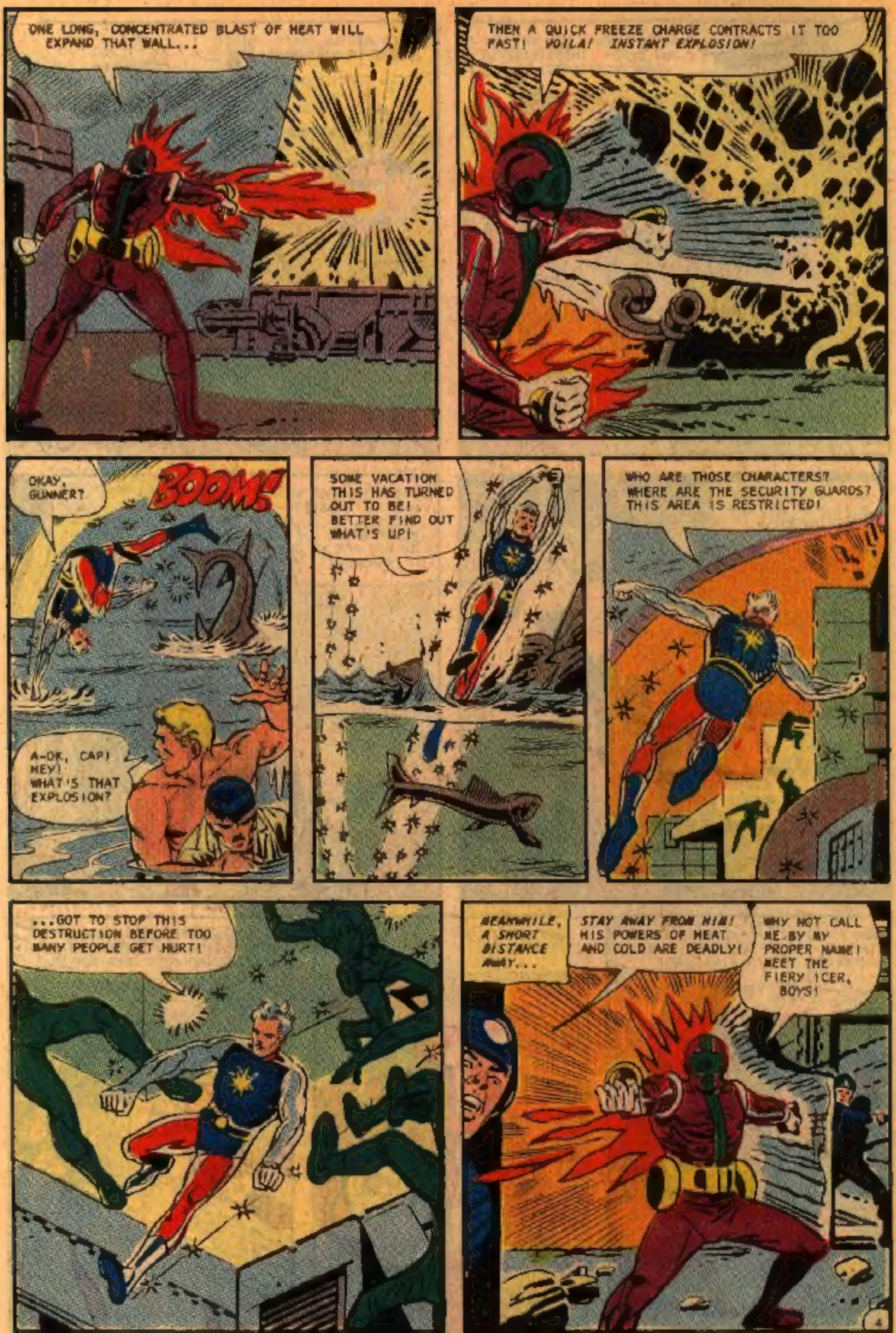
ONE LONG, CONCENTRATED BLAST OF HEAT WILL EXPAND THAT WALL...
THEN A QUICK FREEZE CHARGE CONTRACTS IT TOO FAST! VOILA! INSTANT EXPLOSION!
OKAY, GUNNER?
BOOM!
A-OK, CAP! HEY! WHAT'S THAT EXPLOSION?
SOME VACATION THIS HAS TURNED OUT TO BE! BETTER FIND OUT WHAT'S UP!
WHO ARE THOSE CHARACTERS? WHERE ARE THE SECURITY GUARDS? THIS AREA IS RESTRICTED!
...GOT TO STOP THIS DESTRUCTION BEFORE TOO MANY PEOPLE GET HURT!
MEANWHILE, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...
STAY AWAY FROM HIM! HIS POWERS OF HEAT AND COLD ARE DEADLY!
WHY NOT CALL ME BY MY PROPER NAME! MEET THE FIERY ICER, BOYS!

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TIME TO PUT YOU ON ICE, ATOMIC ACE!
WHA...WHO'S THIS CHARACTER?
NO TIME FOR COMIC COMMENTS NOW! GOT TO HEAT THINGS UP TO FIGHT THAT FRIGID BLAST!
TRYING TO GET TO THE FIERY ICER, CAPTAIN ATOM FORGETS HIS NEW FOE'S COHORTS!
LET'S GET HIM NOW!
GOOD THING OUR UNIFORMS PROTECT US FROM FI'S BLASTS!
YOU GUYS ARE JUST A LITTLE TOO ANXIOUS! MOVE OUT OF MY WAY!
SENSING CAPTAIN ATOM'S ABILITY TO STOP HIS PLOT, THE FIERY ICER COMBINES EXTREMES OF HEAT AND COLD AND A STEAM CLOUD ENVELOPES THE AREA!
OUR SPECIAL GOGGLES ALLOW US TO SEE PERFECTLY! BUT IT SURE "CLOUDS" THINGS UP FOR THAT SUPER HERO!
BLINDED AND BEWILDERED BY THE STREAM, CAPTAIN ATOM DECIDES THAT THE ONLY WAY OUT IS UP!
THEY'RE GONE!
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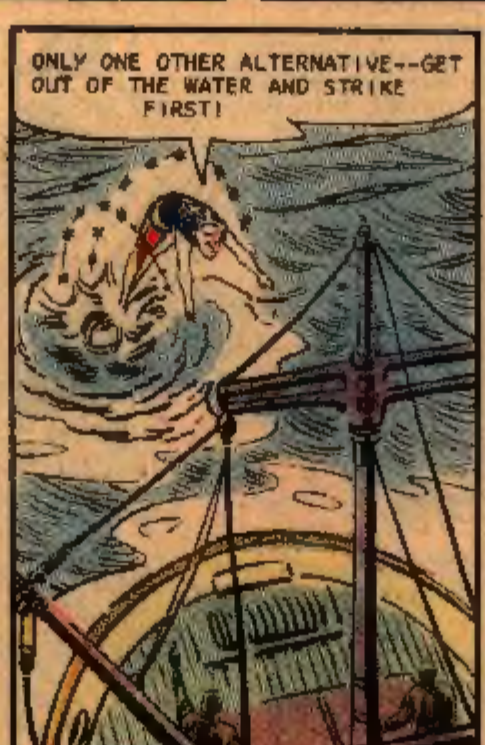
SLOWLY CIRCLING THE AREA TO LOCATE THE SPOT TO WHICH HIS FOE DISAPPEARED, CAPTAIN ATOM SEES A FREIGHTER ON THE HORIZON.

IT'S THE ONLY PLACE THEY COULD HAVE GONE! I'LL INVESTIGATE FROM UNDERWATER!

THE BOSS IS BACK! HIS RAID MUST HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS!
SHUT OFF THE MOTORS! THE MAGNETO-BEAM WILL DRAW US IN SAFELY!

SMALL BEEP ON THE RADAR SCREEN, CHIEF! HEADING THIS WAY FAST!
RED ALERT QUICK! TRY TO CATCH HIM WITH THE MAGNETO-BEAM!

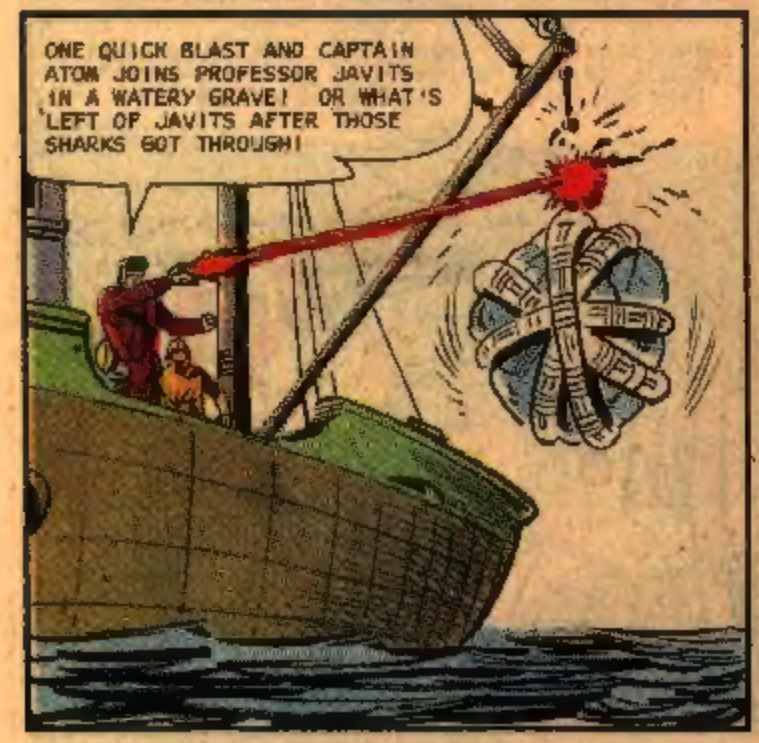
OH, OH! GUESS I WASN'T SNEAKY ENOUGH! NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO PULL ME INTO THEIR CLUTCHES!


ONLY ONE OTHER ALTERNATIVE--GET OUT OF THE WATER AND STRIKE FIRST!

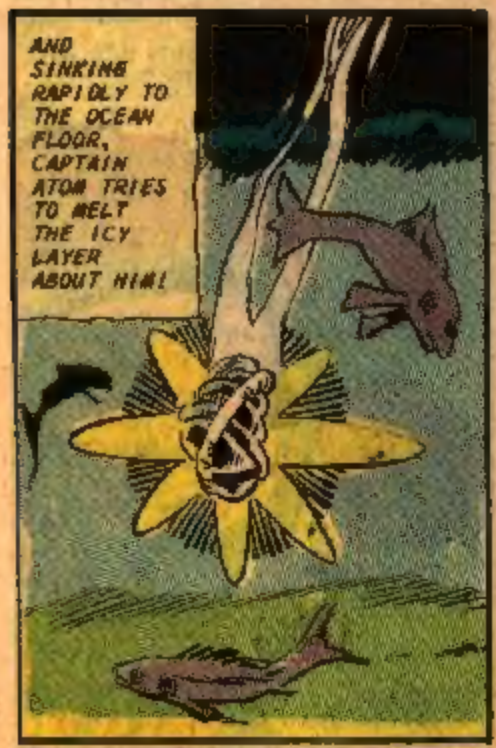
THE FOOL PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HANDS! GET HIM WITH THE INSTAFREEZE BEAM!

LAY IT ON HIM NICE AND THICK! FREEZE HIM TO THE BONE!
WEAK...USED UP TOO MUCH ENERGY! MUST REST!

GET THOSE FREEZING-CELL BELTS ON HIM QUICKLY! HE MAY TRY TO MELT HIS WAY THROUGH!


ONE QUICK BLAST AND CAPTAIN ATOM JOINS PROFESSOR JAVITS IN A WATERY GRAVE! OR WHAT'S LEFT OF JAVITS AFTER THOSE SHARKS GOT THROUGH!

YOU SURE GOT A NOVEL WAY OF MAKING THEM WALK THE PLANK, BOSS!
HE'LL NEVER BOTHER US AGAIN! EVEN IF THAT MELTS, THE FREEZING-CELL BELTS AROUND IT WILL REFREEZE FOR GOOD FOR CAPTAIN ATOM!


AND SINKING RAPIDLY TO THE OCEAN FLOOR, CAPTAIN ATOM TRIES TO MELT THE ICY LAYER ABOUT HIM!

...STILL WEAK... BUT I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS COLD STORAGE UNIT!

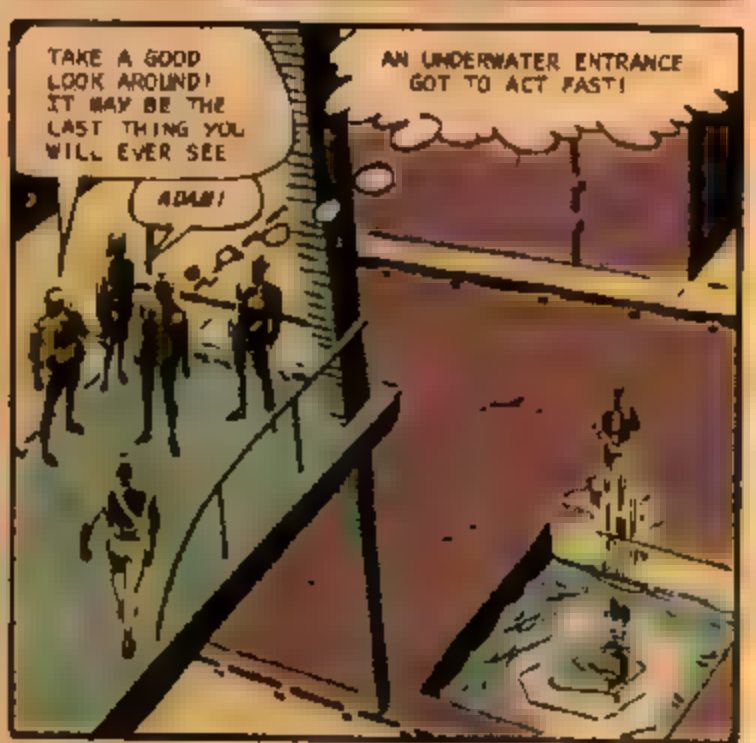
GOT TO USE EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY LEFT!

SUCCESS! THE ICE IS GONE BUT THESE CONTRAPTIONS ARE TIGHTENING AND REFREEZING THE WATER ABOUT ME!
GOT TO WEAKEN ON THE LINK! MUST SEND ALL MY REMAINING ENERGY OUT THROUGH ONE HAND! THIS HAS TO WORK!
UNH! MADE IT! NOW TO GET AFTER THAT MANIAC AND HIS CREW!
SPEEDING THROUGH THE DEEP, CAPTAIN ATOM EVADES SOME NATURAL PREDATORS OUT FOR THEIR AFTERNOON MEAL!
THAT SHIP CAN'T BE TOO FAR AWAY! BUT I FEEL TOO TIRED!
CLOSE ENOUGH TO SHORE NOW! BETTER BECOME CAPTAIN ADAM AND REST AWHILE!
WAIT! THERE'S THE SHIP! I'LL GET TO SHORE AND WAIT UNTIL I'VE GOT MY STRENGTH BACK
BUT...
GOOD THING, THE BOSS MAKES US PATROL THIS WAY!
AIRI TOO WEAK TO FIGHT, AAA!

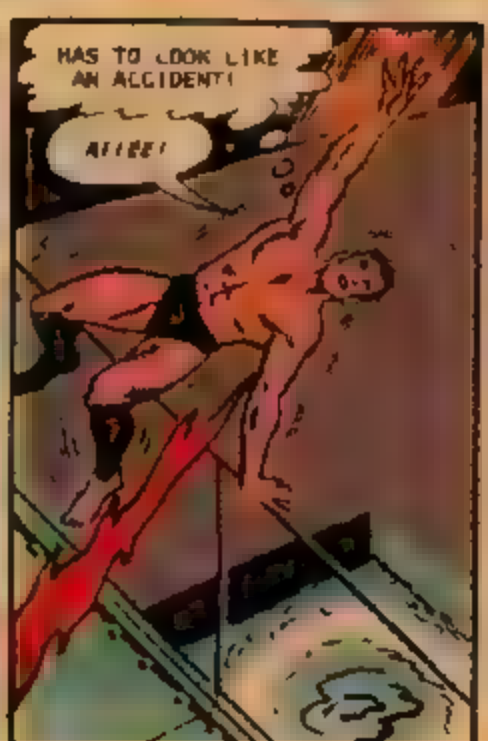
LET'S GET HIM TO THE BOSS! HE'LL WANT TO KNOW WHO THIS SNOOPER IS!
HE'LL BE COMPANY FOR THAT LADY NEWSHOUND THE LAND PATROL NABBED YESTERDAY

LADY NEWSHOUND! YES, YOU GUESSED IT!! ABBY LADD IS BACK IN CAPTAIN ADAM'S LIFE!
CAPTAIN ADAM! NOW?
I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING!
THAT'S ENOUGH YOU TWO!

FIRST THIS FEMALE NOSE FOR NEWS SHOWS UP LOOKING FOR PROF. JAVITS. NOW AN AIR FORCE MAN SWIMS IN TO COMPLICATE MATTERS! HOW CAN I SEND UP A MISSILE INTERFERENCE BASE WITH ALL THESE SNOOPERS AROUND?


TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND! IT MAY BE THE LAST THING YOU WILL EVER SEE
ADAM!
AN UNDERWATER ENTRANCE GOT TO ACT FAST!

THE FOOL'S MAKING A BREAK FOR IT! UNGH!
THIS HAS GOT TO WORK!


HAS TO LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT!
AIEEE!

THAT BLAST SHOULD HAVE FINISHED HIM BRING THE BODY BACK UP! QUICK!

YOU'VE KILLED H MI MURDERER!
GET HER INTO A CELL! WE'LL DISPOSE OF HER LATER...
BENEATH THE WATER, CAPTAIN ATOM APPEARS AGAIN...
HAVE TO TAKE A CHANCE WITH MY POWERS! GOT TO STOP THEM!
I MUST GET BACK INTO THAT BUILDING
CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! THERE'S NO TRACE OF HIS BODY!
GET BACK DOWN THERE AND FIND IT!
GOOD THING THIS PLACE DOESN'T HAVE ALARM SYSTEMS ON THEIR BRAINS! WOULD HAVE BEEN CAUGHT A LONG TIME AGO!
SOME FOREIGN POWER MUST BE BEHIND THIS! A LOT OF MONEY HAS GONE INTO THIS PLACE!
WAIT! A GENERATOR MAYBE I CAN REPLACE MY SPENT POWER IF I HOOK MYSELF INTO IT!
NEVER TRIED THIS BEFORE! BUT IT'S GOT TO WORK IF I INTEND TO TAKE ON THAT FIERY-FACED GUY AND HIS CREW

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IT'S WORKING! I CAN FEEL MY POWER RETURNING
BUT THE UNUSUAL DRAIN ON THE GENERATOR BRINGS AN INVESTIGATION CREW...
GOT TO GET SOME HELP HERE!
WHERE'S THAT RADIO ROOM I SAW BEFORE?
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AND FINDING IT...
CAPTAIN ATOM TO BASE 31 TOP PRIORITY! GET THIS AND GET IT QUICK!
I'M SOUTH OF THE BASE AT WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SHIPPING WHARF! GET SECURITY FORCES HERE QUICKLY! ACKNOWLEDGE!
GOT IT, CAP! THAT GUY I DRAGGED OUT OF THE SEA IS ALIVE AND AT THE MEDICS! OVER AND OUT!
GOT SOME CLEANING UP TO DO!
MUSTN'T WASTE TOO MUCH TIME ON THESE SMALL FISH! HAVE TO FIND THE FIERY ICER AND ABBY!
HE'S GOT TO BE HERE!
AND WHERE IS THE FIERY ICER?
YOUR SNOOPING DAYS ARE OVER! ONCE I SET THE TIMER ON THIS ROOM, YOU'LL SLOWLY FREEZE TO [redacted]
YOU FIEND!
CAPTAIN, ATOM'S ALIVE!
SORRY, MISS LADD, YOUR EXECUTION WILL HAVE TO WAIT!
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE ESCAPED THOSE FREEZING-CELL BELTS! BUT I'LL FINISH HIM THIS TIME!

AH, THERE YOU ARE, HOT STUFF!
LET'S SEE... WHERE WERE WE?
POOL! YOU'LL SPOIL EVERYTHING!
THIS COATING OF STEAM IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR YOU.
NOW FREEZE!
NOT THIS TIME! I'M PREPARED FOR YOU!
THERE!
I'VE GOT TO DESTROY YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!
WHOOPS!
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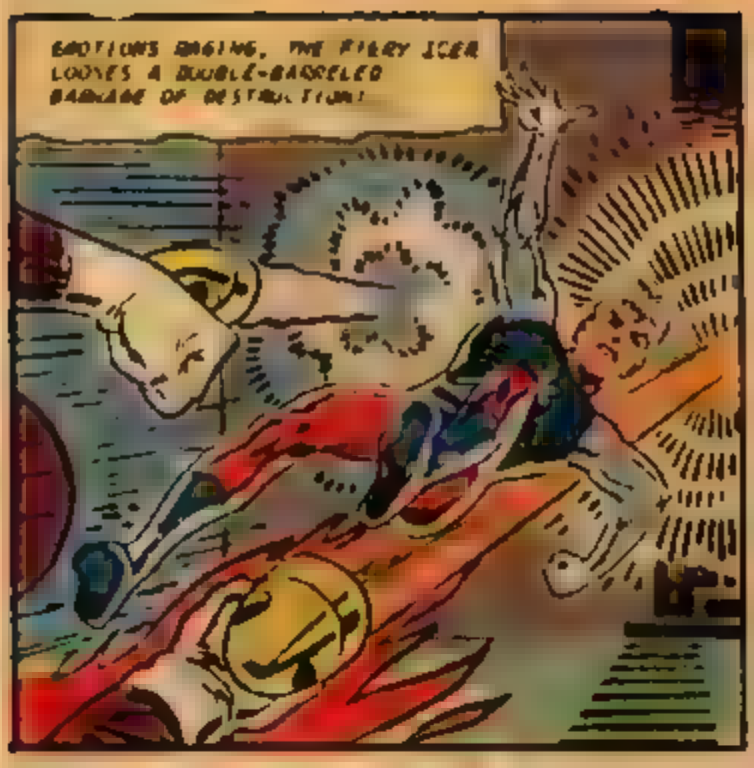
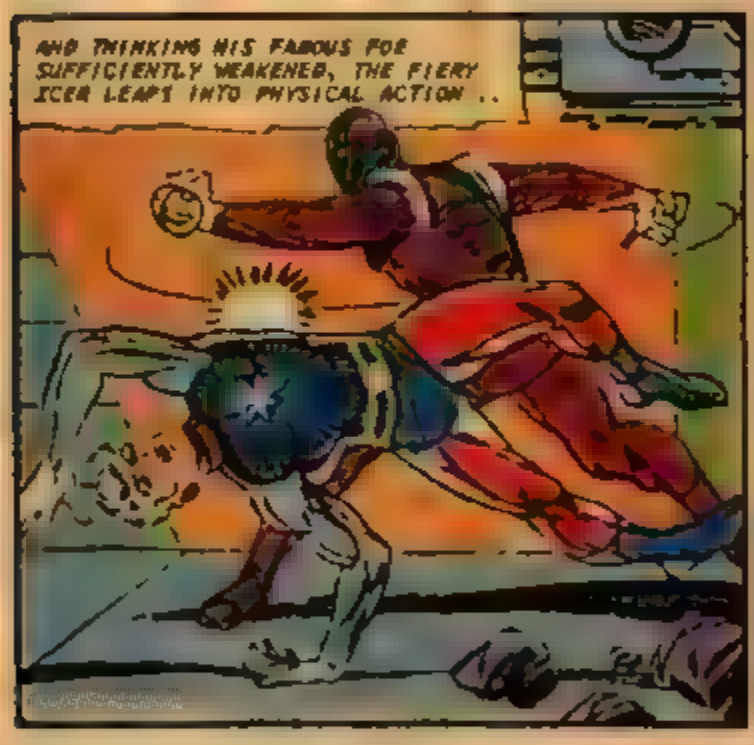
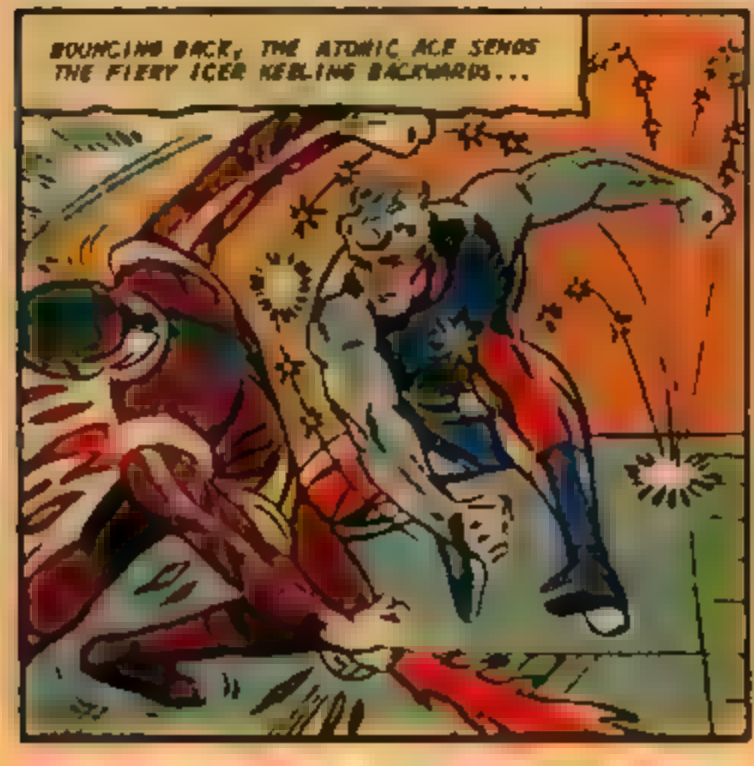
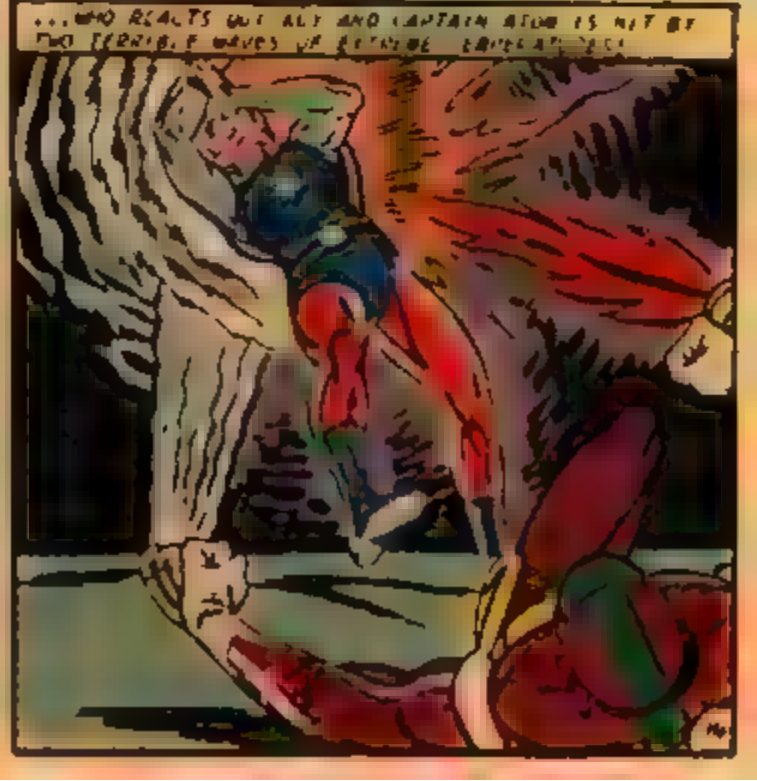

EMOTIONS RAGING, THE FIERY ICER LOOSES A DOUBLE-BARRELED BARRAGE OF DESTRUCTION!

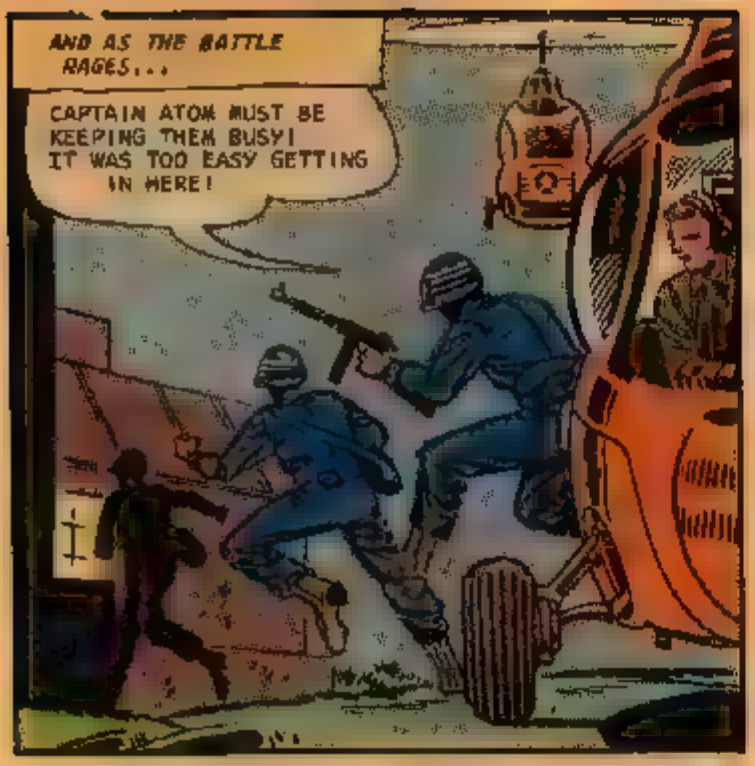
BLAST AFTER BLAST ROCKS THE VERY AIR ABOUT THE STAGGERED CAPTAIN ATOM!


AND THINKING HIS FOEMUS FOE SUFFICIENTLY WEAKENED, THE FIERY ICER LEAPS INTO PHYSICAL ACTION ..

ONLY TO BE MET BY THE RENEWED VIGOR OF CAPTAIN ATOM


BOUNCING BACK, THE ATOMIC ACE SENDS THE FIERY ICER REELING BACKWARDS...

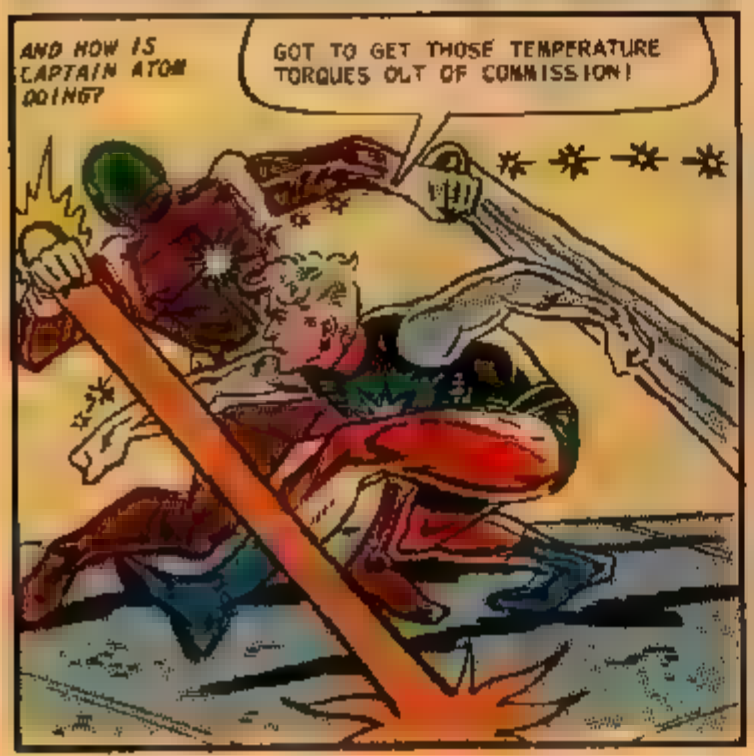

...WHO REACTS QUICKLY AND CAPTAIN ATOM IS HIT BY TWO TERRIBLE WAVES OF

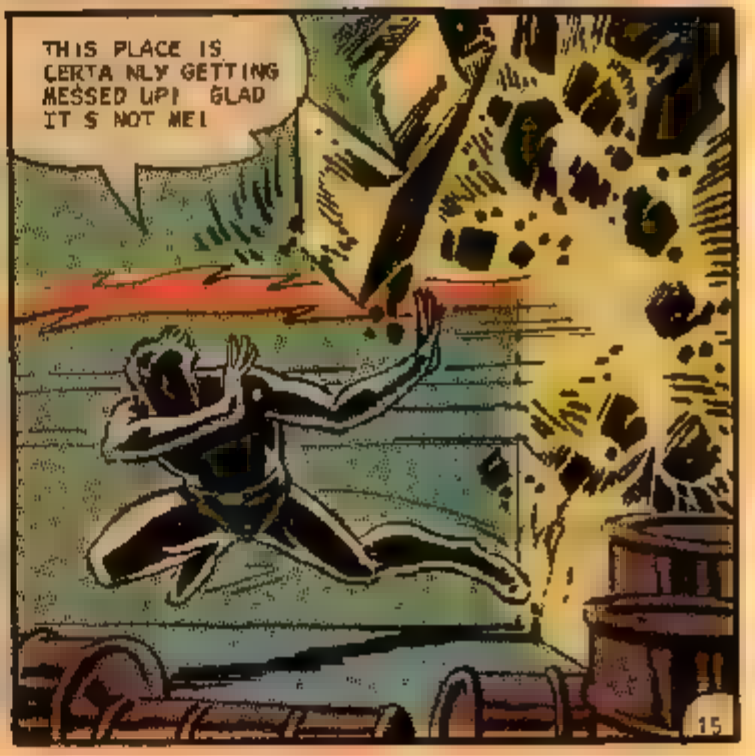

AND AS THE BATTLE RAGES...
CAPTAIN ATOM MUST BE KEEPING THEM BUSY! IT WAS TOO EASY GETTING IN HERE!

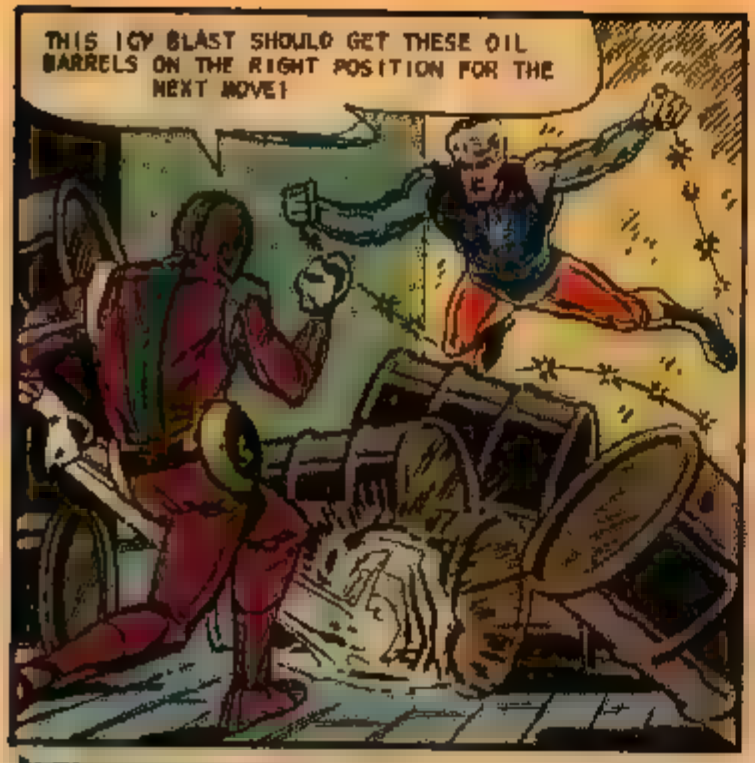
BUT THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF GUARDS TO GIVE THE AIR FORCE A TASTE OF ACTION!

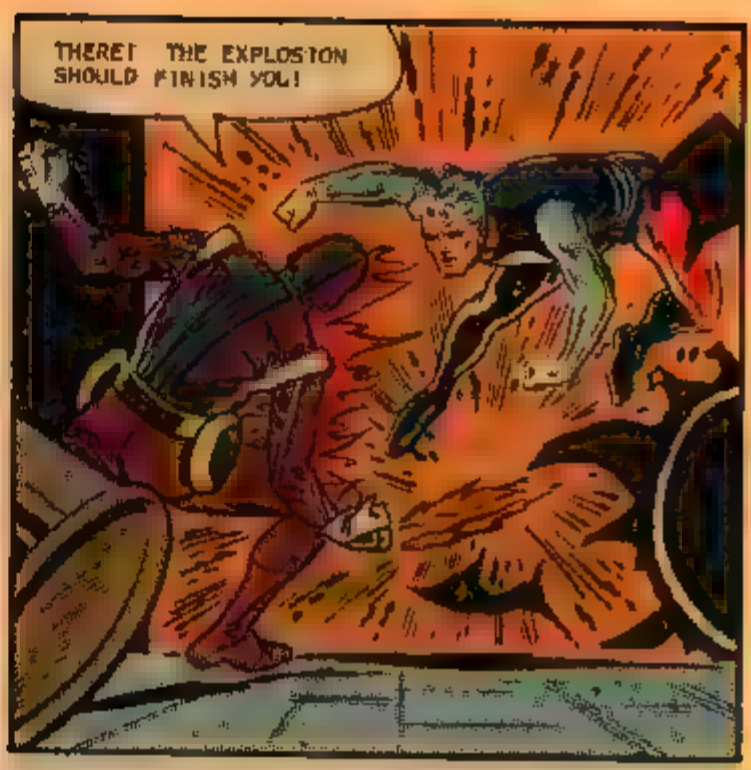
AND IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, THE AIR FORCE IS IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION!
LISTEN TO THOSE EXPLOSIONS!

GET THEM ALL SAFELY TUCKED AWAY, BOYS _ THOSE BLASTS ARE WHERE THE ACTION IS...AND WHERE THERE'S ACTION THERE'S CAPTAIN ATOM! I'LL SEE IF I CAN LEND A HAND

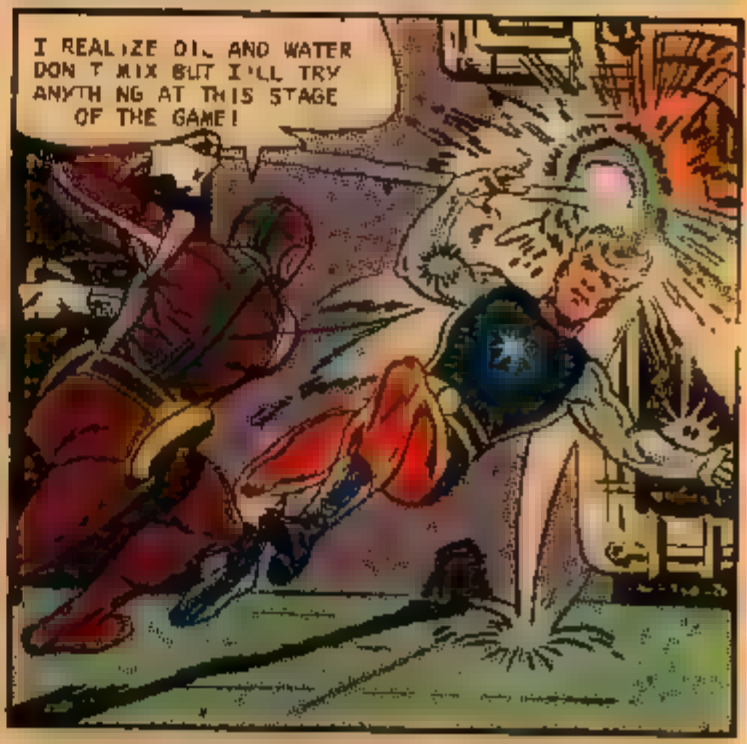

AND HOW IS CAPTAIN ATOM DOING?
GOT TO GET THOSE TEMPERATURE TORQUES OUT OF COMMISSION!

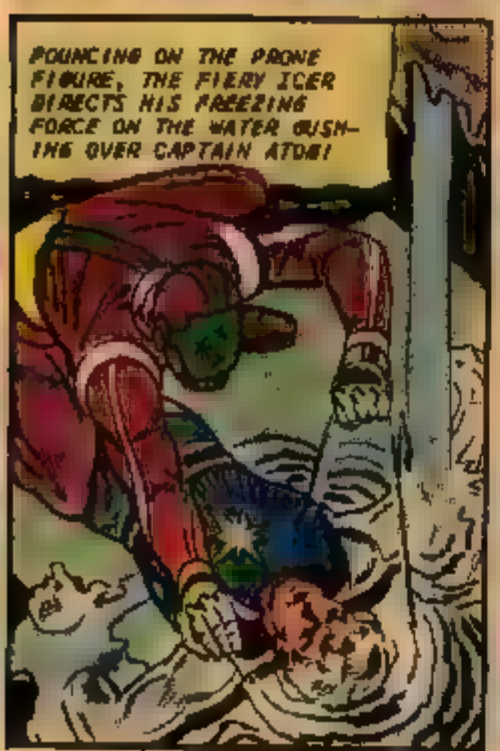

THIS PLACE IS CERTAINLY GETTING MESSED UP! GLAD IT'S NOT ME!


THIS ICY BLAST SHOULD GET THESE OIL BARRELS ON THE RIGHT POSITION FOR THE NEXT MOVE!

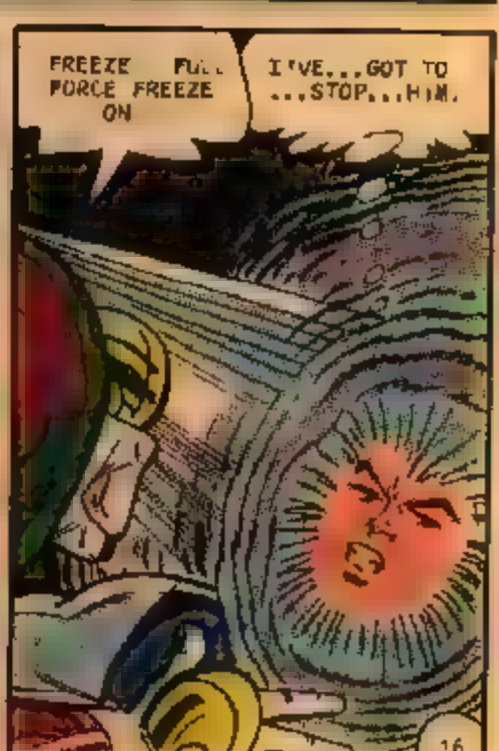

THERE! THE EXPLOSION SHOULD FINISH YOU!

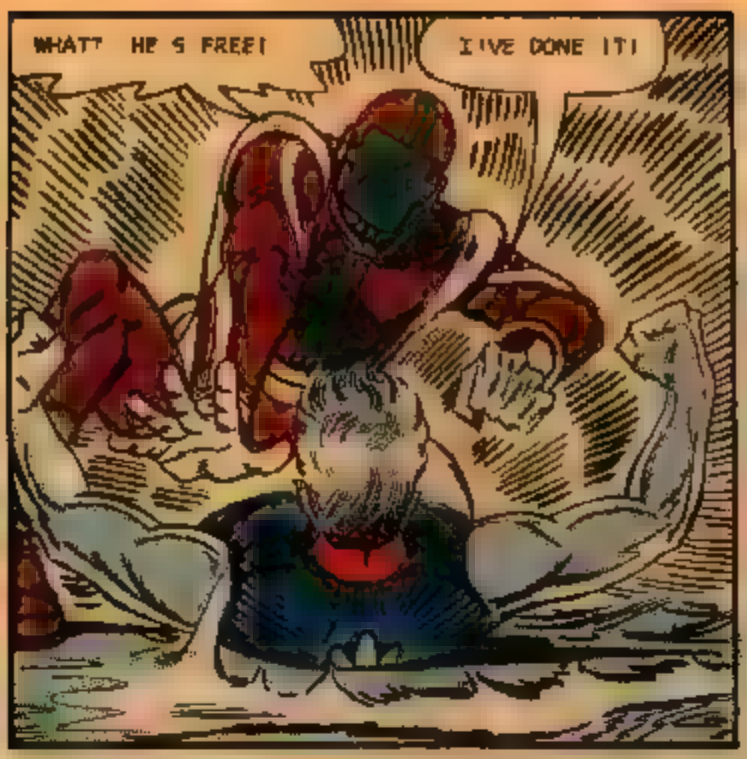
SORRY TO D SAPPOINT YOU!

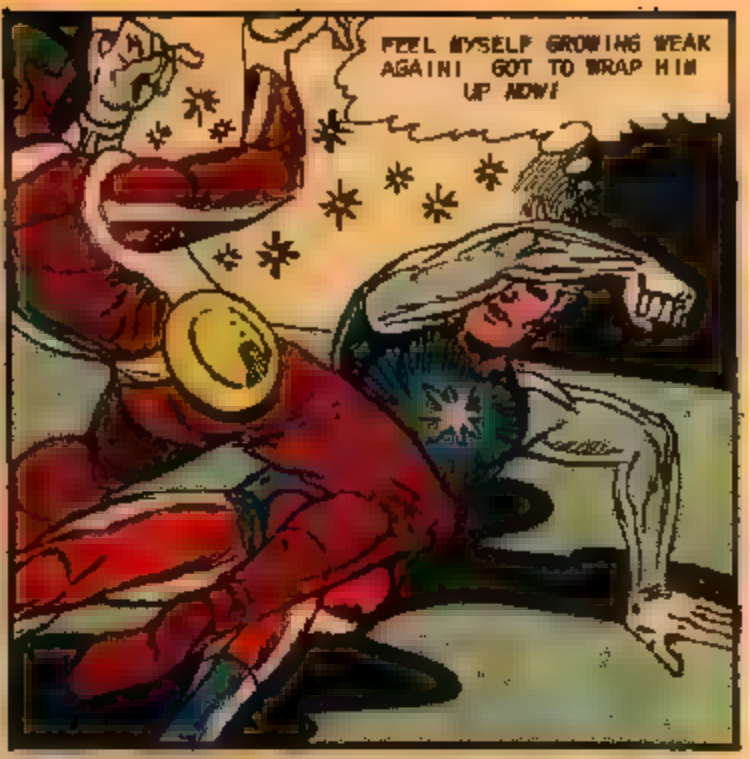

I REALIZE OIL AND WATER DON T MIX BUT I'LL TRY ANYTH NG AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME!


POUNCING ON THE PRONE FIGURE, THE FIERY ICER DIRECTS HIS FREEZING FORCE ON THE WATER GUSHING OVER CAPTAIN ATOM!

CAN'T LET THAT ICE FORM! THE PRESSURE COULD CRUSH ME!


FREEZE FULL FORCE FREEZE ON
I'VE...GOT TO ...STOP...HIM.

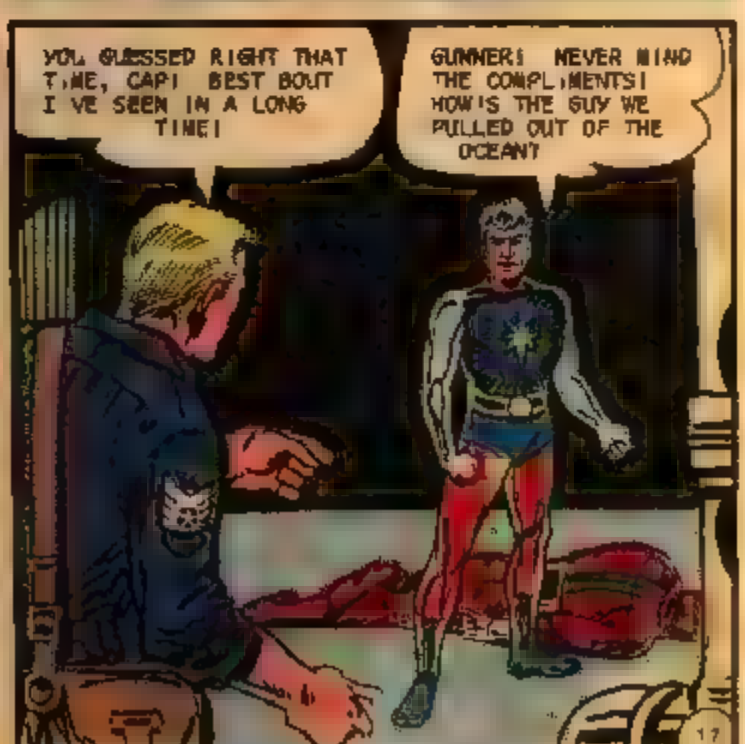

WHAT? HE'S FREE!
I'VE DONE IT!


FEEL MYSELF GROWING WEAK AGAIN! GOT TO WRAP HIM UP NOW!

I HAVE A THREE POINT PLAN FOR YOU, FIERY ICE! ONE!

TWO...

AND THREE! THIS IS FOR THAT GUY WE FOUND IN THE OCEAN! I'M SURE YOU DID THAT TOO


YOU GUESSED RIGHT THAT TIME, CAP! BEST BOUT I'VE SEEN IN A LONG TIME!
GUNNER! NEVER MIND THE COMPLIMENTS! HOW'S THE GUY WE PULLED OUT OF THE OCEAN?

HE'LL BE OKAY AFTER A LONG STAY IN THE HOSPITAL! THE ICER USED HIM TO SET UP THIS BASE. OH, I BROUGHT YOUR UNIFORM WITH ME
GREAT! THEN I'LL FREE ABBY AND LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS SET UP
GET THAT HUMAN THERMOMETER UNHITCHED AND KEEP THOSE BLASTERS AWAY FROM HIM! NOW WHICH WAY TO THOSE CELLS!
ADAM! YOU'RE ALIVE! AND YOU'VE BROUGHT HELP!
THANKS TO CAPTAIN ATOM! HE DID IT ALL
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU! I DON'T CARE WHAT THAT GLORY HOG'S DONE!
NOW, LISTEN, HERE, ABBY
CAPTAIN ATOM DOES A LOT OF GOOD FOR OUR COUNTRY! AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT! AND IF YOU HAD REPORTED THIS BASE TO THE AUTHORITIES WHEN YOU LEARNED ABOUT IT, NONE OF THAT DAMAGE AT THE AIR FORCE BASE WOULD HAVE HAPPENED!
BUT I HAD A STORY TO GET AND WHEN...
WE'LL LISTEN TO IT BACK AT THE BASE! I THINK THERE'S A HELICOPTER WAITING FOR US OUTSIDE!
AND AFTER I TELL MY STORY, WE CAN HAVE DINNER TOGETHER
CAP, EVE IS AT THE BASE WAITING FOR YOU! SO'S HER SENATOR FATHER
GUESS OUR DINNER WILL HAVE TO WAIT, ABBY! MUSTN'T KEEP THEM WAITING
NOT ON YOUR LIFE, CAP
THE END

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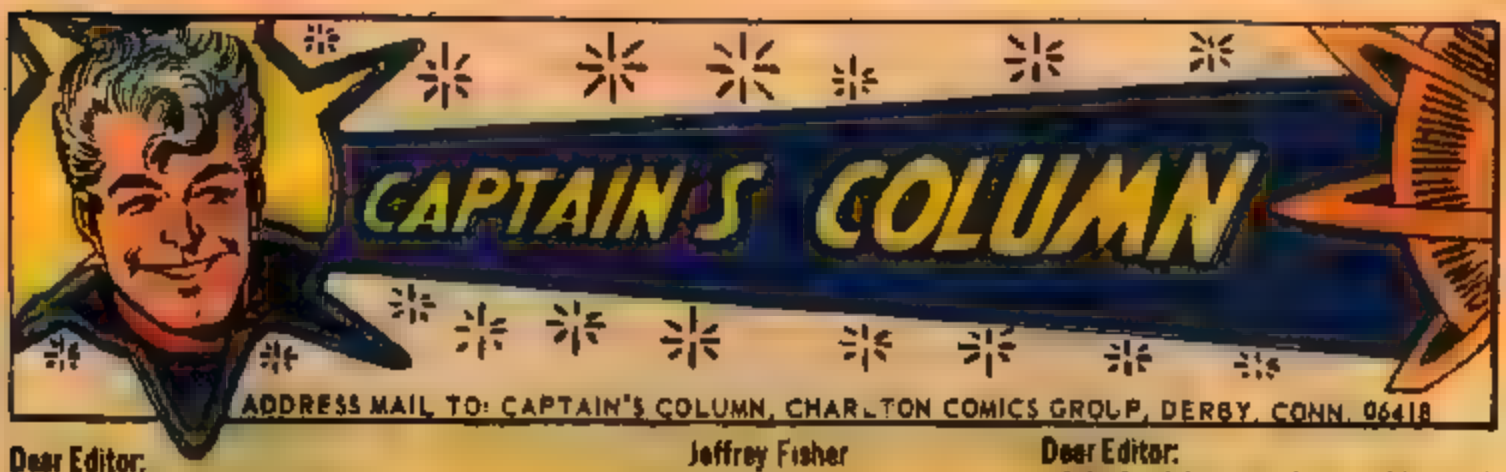

Dear Editor:

Your comics have risen from "hands-off, brand echh" comics to number three on my list.

I think you should start a comic called THE CRIMEBUSTERS featuring Captain Atom, The Peacemaker, Nightshade, Thunderbolt, The New Blue Beetle, and The Question. If this idea is out and your new showcase-type comic is still unnamed, you could call it CRIMEBUSTER COMICS since it features crime-busting super heroes on their trial cases.

Speaking of The Question, I think he should have a comic of his own. Ditto Nightshade.

Please consider and take action on my ideas, and keep up the good work.

Sean Cook
727 North Main
Eldorado, Kansas

Question: Must #3 try harder than #2?

Our first efforts have to be aimed at improving what we are now publishing, Sean. We must move slowly in adding new titles. We'd rather not add a new title (or publish our current ones more frequently) unless we are sure we can do it better than the titles we're doing now. We presently do not have enough time or available talent to do this.

Dear Editor:

I want to congratulate you on your fine improvement of Capt. Atom and the addition of the new Blue Beetle. Both characters are extremely good due to the excellent art work and constantly improving story lines.

I would also like to know if you have any back issues of your comic books for sale and if it is possible to get a subscription to the new Blue Beetle comic. I'm sure there are other readers interested in obtaining back issues of your comic book line. Keep up the good work.

Jeffrey Fisher
222 Victoria Drive
Monroeville, Penna.

Thanks, Jeffrey. We are trying. You can subscribe to any Charlton Comic. 70¢ will bring you six issues. Clearly print your name, complete address and the title you wish to subscribe to and [illegible] to

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Back issues are a problem for us. If you let us know what you want and if we have it, it'll cost 15¢ a [illegible]

Atomic Poem

Captain Atom, created by an
atomic blast
And after that fateful day, decided to
make crime-fighting his task.
When police see the atom insignia on
his chest
It seems to say to the police, "You
can go now, I'll do the rest."

He's a real cool swinger,
Some cats call him 'the atom slinger.'
His atom blasts are like an atomic
cannon;
Just one of his blasts could make a
grand canyon.

To end this poem, you have a cool
[illegible]
And WOW! It's never a drag!

Roy Butler
28 Hillcrest Ave.
Summit, N.J.

It's easy to see
You'll never be
A world famous poet.
But you took the time
To praise us in rhyme
And we love you for that, you know
it!!

Dear Editor:

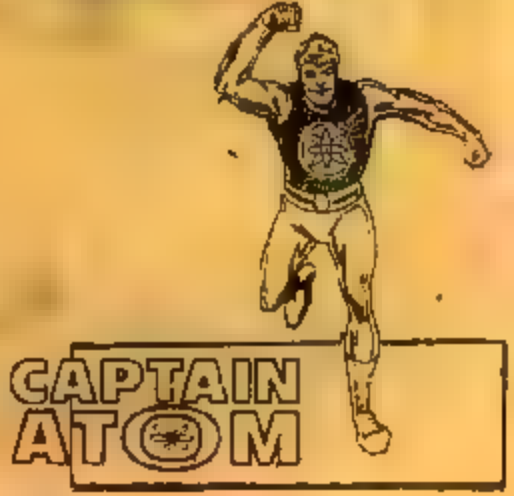
I just picked up issue #86 and I think it is one of the best of your mags I ever read. I think Capt. Atom's new costume is the coolest thing since Alaska. I followed Steve Ditko's art through Marvel but I think he's best here at Charlton; Ditko and Mastroserio make a good team. The Blue Beetle is tough and I'm glad he's getting his own mag now. Charlton ranks second only to Marvel.

In later years, I hope to become an artist or letterer for Marvel or Charlton. I beg of you, please let's have a pin-up of Capt. Atom and Blue Beetle. Thanks for hearing me out and keep up the good work forever (even longer)!

Mike Gray
397 Broadway
Bayonne, N.J.

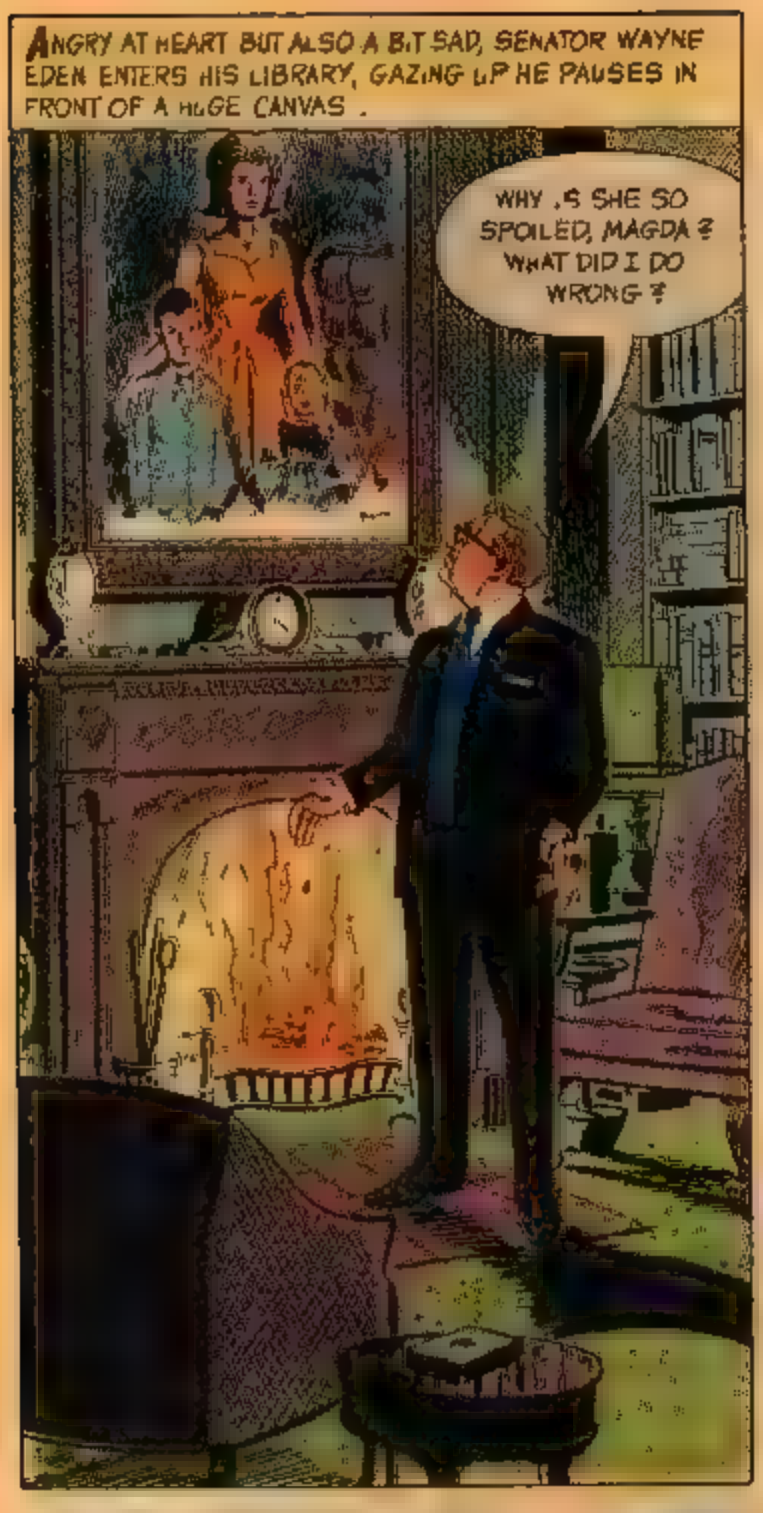
You know what they say about #2... "We try harder..." Yeah, well...

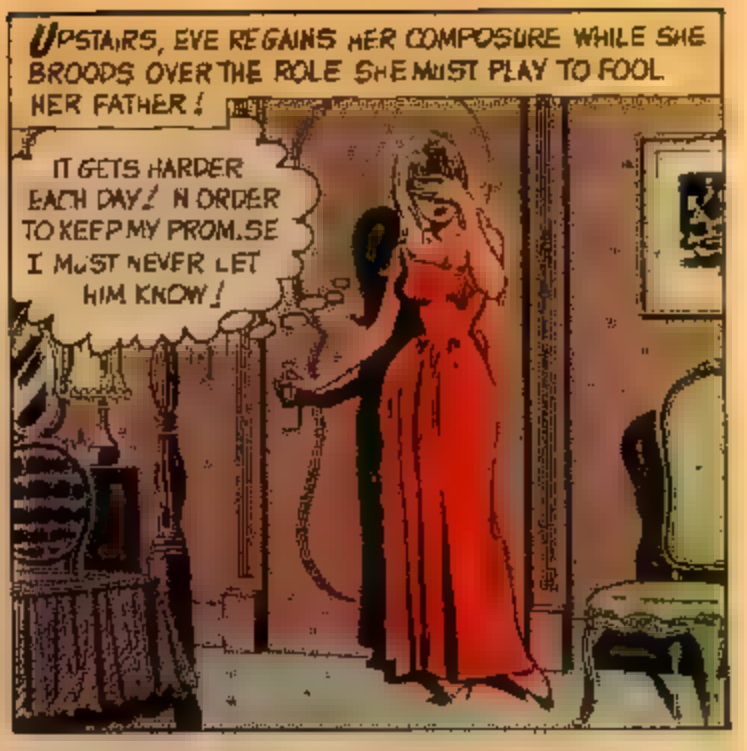
We've had many requests for pin-ups. Unfortunately, we currently do not have the facilities to handle pin-ups on mail order. However, CAPTAIN ATOM #84 contained a full page shot of the good Captain in his new uniform and BLUE BEETLE #2 will contain a similar shot. We hope to do the same with T-BOLT, PEACEMAKER and JUDO-MASTER shortly. When they're done, we'll see what we can do to offer them to you...at a price, of course! Keep checking our letter pages for further [illegible]

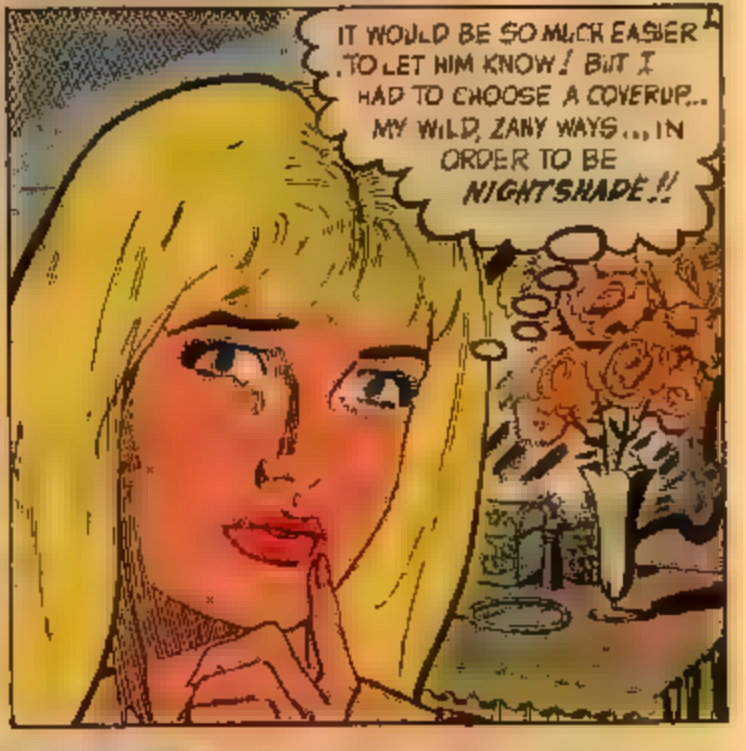


NIGHTSHADE
THE DARLING OF DARKNESS
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH RANDORI* FOR TODAY.
OOOFF!
NIGHTSHADE!
A NAME THAT RINGS WITH FEAR IN THE UNKNOWN SHADOWS OF THE UNDERWORLD OF CRIMINALS AND SPIES! BUT WHERE DID THIS NYMPH OF NEMESIS COME FROM? WHAT IS THE DREADED SECRET OF HER SHADOWY POWERS? ALL THE ANSWERS LIE IN THE ADVENTURE OF
THE IMAGE'S IDYL!
* FREE PRACTICE
GOOD THING I LEARNED MY LESSONS IN JUDO* WE...
I'LL SAY! I HAVE TO RUN! B.G. DATE!
* FALL BREAKING
RUSHING TO A SECRET ROOM IN THE PENTAGON RESERVED FOR HER
THERE! ALL READY WHEN I NEED YOU! BUT I BETTER HURRY IF I WANT TO BE HOME WHEN DAD GETS THERE!

AN HOUR LATER, EVE EDEN HAS SHEDDED HER NIGHTSHADE ROLE AND IS CONTENTEDLY PLAYING HERSELF...EVEN THOUGH IT HURTS HER.
JUST IN TIME! HE'S HOME!
YOU'RE LATE, SIR!
I KNOW! WHERE'S EVE?
HELLO, LUV! YOU LOOK EXHAUSTED!
YOU LOOK GORGEOUS! BUT WHERE DID ALL THE LONG HAIR COME FROM?
I GOT IT YESTERDAY, DAD! THERE'S A PARTY ON SOON AND I NEEDED IT!
I HAVEN'T ENOUGH TROUBLE GETTING BILLS PASSED IN THE SENATE! I HAVE TO ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO BILLS FROM YOU!
I HAVE TO KEEP UP MY REPUTATION IN THE JET SET!
JET SET! BAH! I ONLY WISH YOU WERE MORE LIKE YOUR MOTHER!
MOTHER! THE REAL REASON FOR MY DUAL LIFE!
I'M YOUNG, DAD! AND I'M GOING TO LIVE MY LIFE TO THE FULLEST!
EXCUSE ME PLEASE!
RUN OFF AND CRY! A SERIOUS MOMENT WILL DO YOU GOOD!


ANGRY AT HEART BUT ALSO A BIT SAD, SENATOR WAYNE EDEN ENTERS HIS LIBRARY, GAZING UP HE PAUSES IN FRONT OF A HUGE CANVAS .
WHY .S SHE SO SPOILED, MAGDA ? WHAT DID I DO WRONG ?


UPSTAIRS, EVE REGAINS HER COMPOSURE WHILE SHE BROODS OVER THE ROLE SHE MUST PLAY TO FOOL HER FATHER !
IT GETS HARDER EACH DAY ! N ORDER TO KEEP MY PROM.SE I MUST NEVER LET HIM KNOW !


IT WOULD BE SO MUCH EASIER .TO LET HIM KNOW ! BUT I HAD TO CHOOSE A COVERUP... MY WILD, ZANY WAYS ... IN ORDER TO BE NIGHTSHADE !!

THE FOUR OF US WERE SO HAPPY THEN ! IT WOULD BE THAT WAY STILL IF YOU HADN'T TOLD ME THE SECRET OF THE NIGHTSHADES, MOTHER !

THE LAND OF THE NIGHTSHADES... THAT OTHER WORLD FROM WHICH I GOT MY SHADOW POWERS... ALL IT HAS BROUGHT ME IS SORROW !

AND EVERY MOVE OF EVE'S IS BEING WATCHED BY AN AGENT OF FOREIGN POWERS... THE IMAGE!
WITH YOU IN MY POWER, I'LL STOP YOUR FATHER'S DEFENSE BILL FROM BEING PASSED!!
ANOTHER TRAGEDY ENTERS YOUR LIFE, SENATOR EDEN! IT WILL BE EXACTLY LIKE THE LAST ONE IN EVERY WAY!
DAILY
POLITICIAN'S WIFE SLAIN! SON VANISHES
WITH THE POWERS DEVELOPED BY FOREIGN SCIENTISTS, I'LL BE ABLE TO ABDUCT YOUR DAUGHTER FROM A LOCKED ROOM! I WONDER HOW THOSE OTHER PERSONS DID THAT TO YOUR WIFE AND SON!
SECONDS LATER THE PHONE RINGS IN THE EDEN MANSION AND SENATOR EDEN IS STUNNED TO HEAR...
THE SHADOWS FALL AND STILL THE NIGHT! I, IMAGE, DO CALL TO BRING NEW FRIGHT! A SUDDEN SCREAM... AN EMPTY ROOM.. FULFILL MY SCHEME OR BRING NEW DOOM!!
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WHILE THE IMAGE DELIVERS OTHER RHYMES TO OTHER SENATORS HELPING SENATOR EDEN, EVE IS LOST IN MEMORIES
DAD WAS OFF ELECTIONEERING THAT DAY WHEN YOU ENTERED OUR PLAYROOM...
LARRY! EVE! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON A TRIP?
WHERE, MOTHER?
IS IT FAR FROM HERE?
WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO LEAVE THIS ROOM.
THEN IT'S ONLY A GAME!
A NEW GAME! GOODY!!
IT'S NO GAME CHILDREN! BUT WE HAVE TO BE IN THE DARK TO DO IT!
IN THE DARK?
MOTHER SAID IT LIKE ALICE IN WONDERLAND! I ESCAPED A WONDROUS PLACE LONG AGO! I'LL TAKE YOU THERE NOW!
ONCE I WAS A PRINCESS IN THE LAND OF THE NIGHTSHADES! AND YOU'VE INHERITED THE POWER OF THE ROYAL NIGHTSHADES FROM ME!
IS IT LIKE MAGIC?
I GUESS IT IS MAGIC IN THIS WORLD! NOW COME CLOSER SO I CAN SHOW YOU HOW YOU CAN GO THERE!
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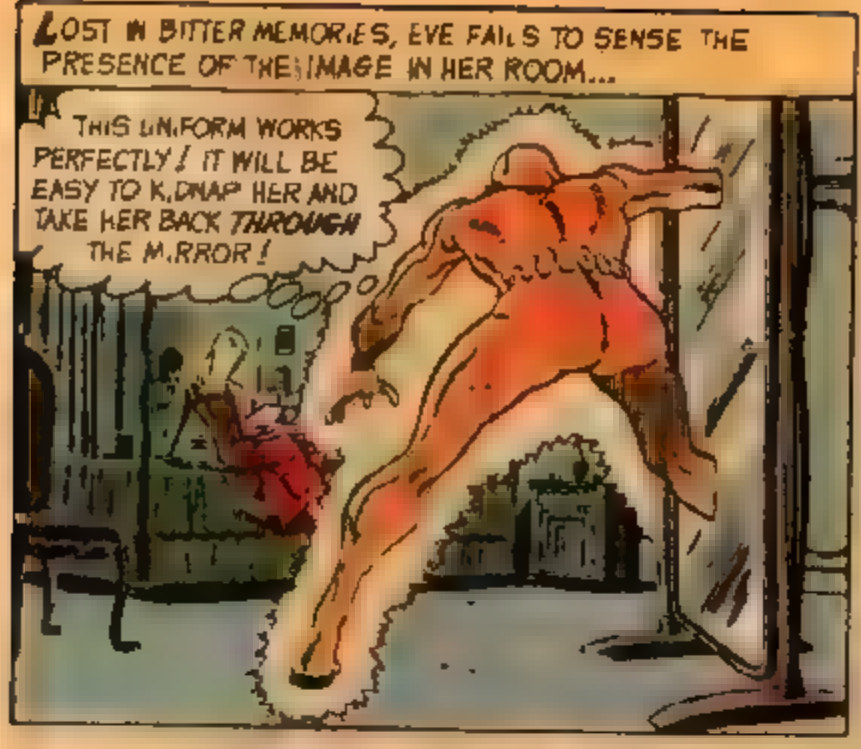
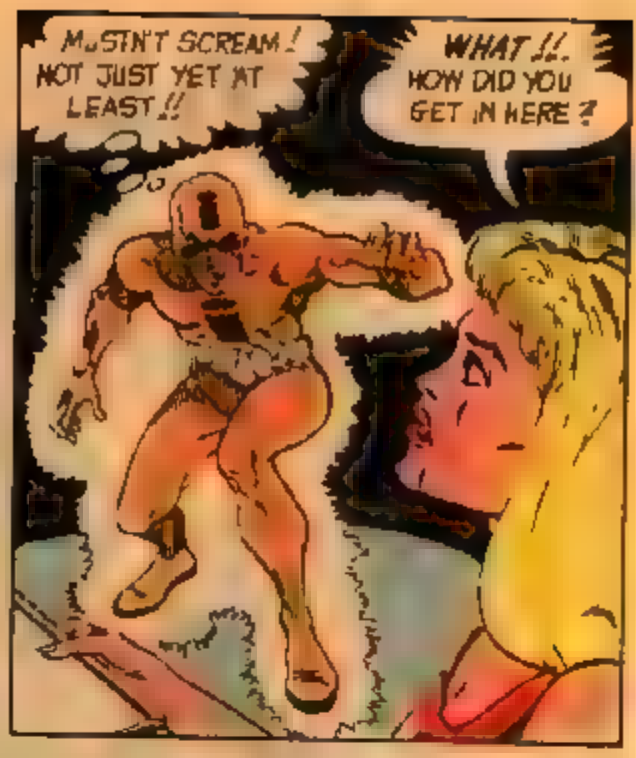
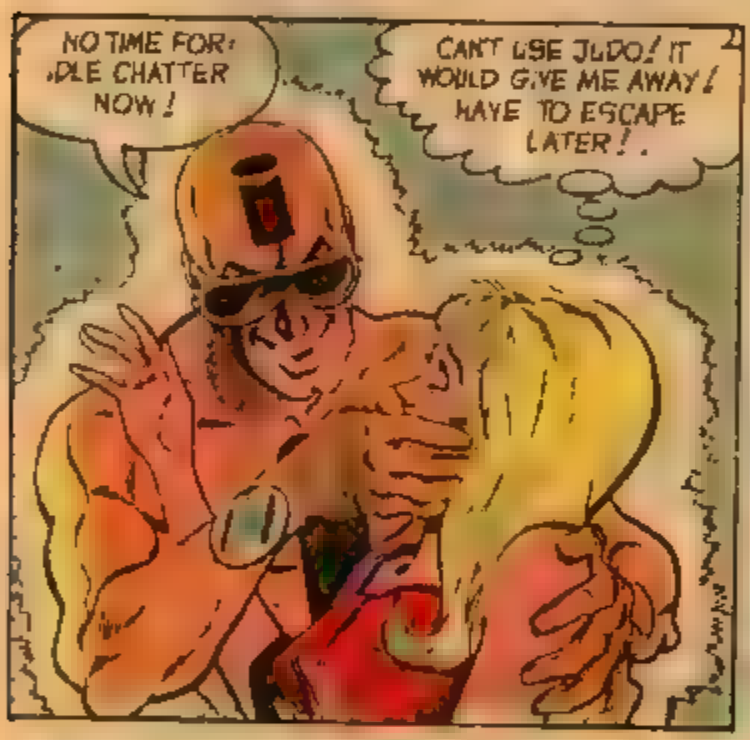
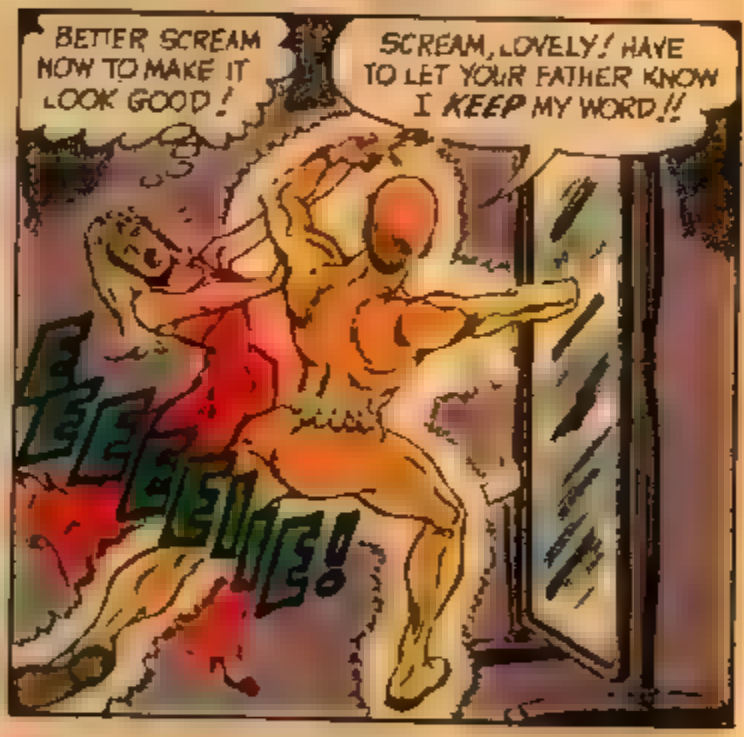
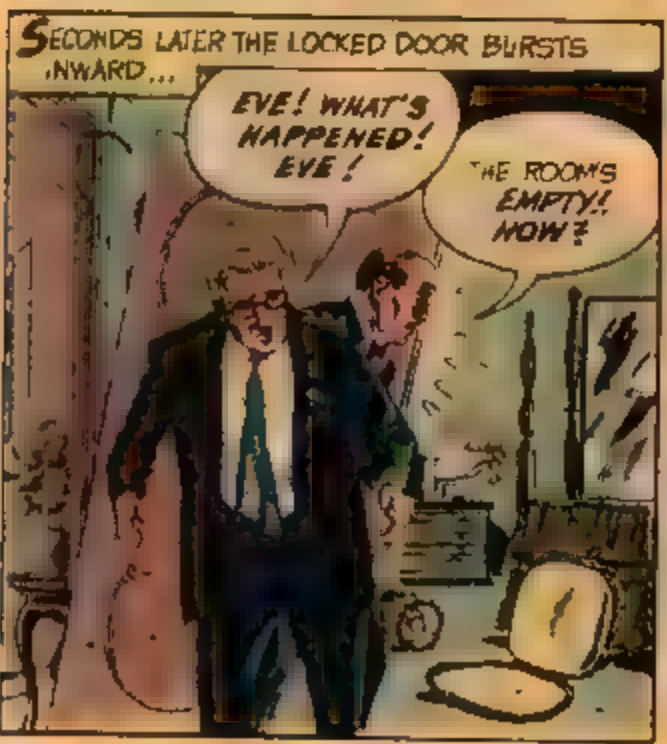
THOSE FLOWERS! THEY'RE HUGE!!
MOMMY, IT'S BEAUTIFUL HERE!
LOOK AT THE PRETTY BIRD!
EVERYTHING IS SO STRANGE HERE!
DON'T LEAVE ME, CHILDREN! WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL!
YEARS AGO I PLAYED NEAR HERE ALL DAY! BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE INCUBUS CAME!
THE INCUBUS!
WHEN HE CAME WITH HIS EVIL WAYS, WE WHO TAKE OUR NAME FROM THE GIANT NIGHTSHADE MUSHROOMS HAD TO FLEE! AND THAT'S HOW I CAME TO EARTH'S DIMENSION!
SNAP
WELCOME BACK, PRINCESS!! YOU WON'T ESCAPE THIS TIME!!
HE'S SCARED!
RUN TO THE MUSHROOMS' SHADOWS AND USE YOUR POWERS TO ESCAPE!!


LOST IN BITTER MEMORIES, EVE FAILS TO SENSE THE PRESENCE OF THE IMAGE IN HER ROOM...
THIS UNIFORM WORKS PERFECTLY! IT WILL BE EASY TO KIDNAP HER AND TAKE HER BACK THROUGH THE MIRROR!









WHAT HAPPENED TO EVE'S MOTHER AND BROTHER? HOW WILL NIGHTSHADE STOP THE IMAGE? THE ANSWERS ARE IN THE "POETRY OF PERIL" IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

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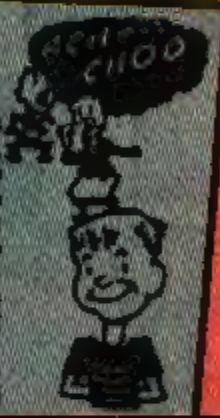

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WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you can and *should* do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities - intelligence, character, dignity — all go to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that people see first is your face.

SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than *now*.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed.

MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources—one, internally and the other externally

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragment of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.

A. Normal skin — B. Sick, pimply skin

Diagram A shows a normal-size smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

TRY THIS SENSIBLE WAY

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